

## DISASTROUS FIRE

At Kansas City, Missouri, Early Yesterday Morning.

### THE AUDITORIUM THEATER,

THE FINEST PLAYHOUSE WEST OF CHICAGO, AND THE AUDITORIUM HOTEL, THE MOST FASHIONABLE HOSTELRY IN THE CITY, QUOTED BY THE FLAMES. DELAY IN GETTING WATER ENABLED THE FIRE TO GET BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE FIREMEN—LOSS NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—The Auditorium, the largest and finest playhouse west of Chicago, and the Auditorium hotel, one of the most fashionable hostleries in the city, situated at Holmes and Ninth streets, were gutted by fire that started in the theatre shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. The 166 guests escaped in safety, although many were compelled to leave the building in their night clothes. The loss on the entire property, which is owned by Alex. Frazer, a local business man, will aggregate \$450,000. The aggregate insurance amounts to but \$35,000. Owing to a high insurance rate a great deal of the insurance had been allowed to lapse.

The fire originated in an unoccupied room on the sixth floor of the theatre, and resulted from the crossing of electric light wires. It was first noticed by night clerk Haak, who turned in an alarm at 1:12. Haak immediately awoke the guests. They included many families and children of all ages and the greatest confusion occurred. For a time it seemed that the flames would be confined to a single floor, but after it had apparently been gotten under control, it burst forth again and defied all efforts of the firemen. Many of the guests, assured after the first alarm, that the fire would not spread, returned to their rooms.

Delay in getting a continuous stream on the fire, however, enabled it to get beyond the firemen's control. The flames spread rapidly along the tier of the rooms on the fifth and sixth floors and soon communicated with the hotel through the small apertures in the fire wall which separated it from the theatre. Once in the hotel, the flames were beyond control.

The excitement broke out among the hotel guests and hurried scrambles to save their personal effects ensued. Everything available was pressed into service as receptacles for the valuables and before the guests had been ordered from the building a second time the bulk of their belongings had been carried out. More timid ones who had fled from their rooms in their night clothes at the start, were given quarters in a neighboring hotel.

In the theatre the Woodward stock company, which has been the standing attraction since the reopening of the place last October, managed to save the bulk of its property.

Early after the second burst of flames, the firemen gave up hope of saving the structure. Although the building in which the fire started is practically a one front annex to the main auditorium building there were openings in all the upper stories which made the two buildings one and made them both an easy prey for the flames once well started. Superintendent Pelletier, of the insurance patrol, refused to allow his men to enter the building to spread tarpaulins and all efforts of the firemen were confined to the outside.

Luckily the structure stood alone and at no time was surrounding property threatened. The firemen worked heroically, but within a few hours both theatre and hotel had been gutted, the bigger part of the roof had fallen in and about one-third of the west wall of the hotel collapsed.

The auditorium was built in 1886 by Col. George W. Warder, at a cost of \$350,000. It was named the Warder Grand Opera House and was opened by Booth and Barrett. After a brief but unsuccessful season, Warder traded the property to George W. Henry, of Chicago. Henry reopened the theatre, but it again failed to pay expenses. In 1890 the National Bank of Commerce purchased the property and installing John P. Stocum, a well known eastern theatrical manager, the house was run for a season in the most approved metropolitan style. After another failure, the bank traded the property last October to Alex. Frazer, and the latter leased the property to Paxton and Burgess. Frazer expended \$75,000 in improvements and repairs on both hotel and the theatre. Paxton and Burgess presented the Woodward Stock Company and a list of first class specialties at seat prices of not over 10 and 25 cents. The plan proved a decided success and for the first time since its inception the auditorium, which had booked some of the best companies on the road, became a paying property.

#### Stands Among the First.

In speaking of the Intelligence, the Fairmont West Virginian says: "It is well known and widely read. As a family and political newspaper it stands among the first of the country."

#### An Angel of Mercy.

Truly, the miraculous cures of rheumatism made by Salvation Oil, justly earned for it the title: an angel of mercy; for many bed-confined rheumatics have experienced the great, curative properties of this modern liniment. "I used Salvation Oil for rheumatism and found it a sure cure. I used three bottles and am now perfectly well, and I would feel myself a benefactor if I could induce every person afflicted with rheumatism to try Salvation Oil." James H. Bryant, Deleware, N. C. Salvation Oil is sold everywhere for 25 cents, but some dealers may say, "we are out of it," hoping to sell a cheap substitute instead. Insist on getting Salvation Oil, or go to some other dealer who will sell it to you.

### AN AGED SPIRITUALIST

Takes His Own Life so that He Could Join His Wife and Son in the Spirit Land. Had a Distinguished Career.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Alexander B. Campbell, an aged spiritualist, of Rushville, Ind., committed suicide at a Clark street hotel last night. He took morphine and was dead when found. He had written a letter to the coroner and made a will bequeathing his few valuables to relatives.

The suicide was about sixty-five years of age. He came to the hotel December 14 and registered from Santa Monica, Calif. He attempted recently to kill himself in Los Angeles, California. Failing he returned home. His relatives and friends thought him of unsound mind. He was examined by the authorities and released as sane.

His letter to the coroner is in part as follows: "I, Alexander B. Campbell, make this statement. My death will be caused by morphine, which I deliberately take with suicidal intent. This purpose was fully formed when I left Rushville and came to this city. The reason that I take my life is because I want to go to my wife and boy. I cannot live without their companionship. First my boy was killed. Then Lizzie died, and since then I have wanted to die also. I attempted suicide in Los Angeles. I did not take enough of the drug. I went back to Rushville. They thought me insane because I claimed my wife was with me always. She is with me now and helping me. I do not care to live such a life. What few things I leave in my room may be sent to my brother, George W. Campbell, at Rushville. I bid all my friends good-bye."

A dispatch from Rushville, Ind., says: General Alexander Benton Campbell, who committed suicide in Chicago last night, had a remarkable career. He was the son of a Christian minister and was born in this country fifty-six years ago. Ten years ago he was the leading Republican of Kansas, and adjutant general of that state. He was first prison chaplain at Leavenworth, Kansas, then adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic and later adjutant general under the governor.

He was a fine speaker and lecturer and was the possessor of a fortune of \$100,000 when an accident occurred that ruined his life. It was the sad death of his nine-year-old son, who was killed by the street cars in Topeka. He lost his property, and he and his wife went to Los Angeles, Cal., where she died three years ago. This last bereavement preyed so heavily on Campbell's mind that for a time he was thought to be insane and was confined in an asylum, but subsequently released. Coming back to Indiana he began the practice of law in Rushville and stumped Rush and surrounding counties last fall for McKinley.

#### NO FAITH CURE

#### ABOUT STUART'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS.

They Cure Stomach Troubles and Indigestion Anyway, Whether You Have Faith in Them or Not.

All physicians agree that the element of faith has a great deal to do in the cure of disease.

Firm belief and confidence in a family physician or the same confidence and faith in a patent medicine, have produced remarkable cures in all ages. This is especially true in nervous troubles and no field offers so prolific a harvest for the quack and charlatan, as the diseases arising from a weak or run down nervous system.

Nevertheless, the most common of all diseases, indigestion and stomach troubles, which in turn cause nervous diseases, heart troubles, consumption and loss of flesh, requires something besides faith to cure.

Mere faith will not digest your food for you, will not give you an appetite, will not increase your flesh and strengthen your nerves and heart, but Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will do these things, because they are composed of the elements of digestion, they contain the juices, acids and peptones necessary to the digestion and assimilation of all wholesome food.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest food if placed in a jar or bottle in water heated to ninety-eight degrees, and they will do it much more effectively when taken into the stomach after meals, whether you have faith that they will or not.

They invigorate the stomach, make pure blood and strengthen nerves, in the only way that nature can do it, and that is, from plenty of wholesome food well digested. It is not what we eat, but what we digest that does us good.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by druggists at 50 cents for full sized package.

Little book on cause and cure of stomach troubles mailed free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

#### Historical Yuletides.

William the Conqueror, celebrated his assumption of the English throne December 25, 1066, by a formal ceremony in Westminster Abbey, in the presence of his nobles and a company of English noblemen who were there to perform. During the holidays two years later he led an army against the northern counties which had risen in rebellion.

When King Henry visited Ireland in 1171, such a mass of his subjects greeted him that he had erected in the village of Hogges an enormous temporary pavilion where joustings and Christmas romances were held. Nineteen years later Richard Coeur de Lion celebrated the sacred festival in Sicily with great splendor, the English and French troops uniting in the merry-making.

Simon de Montfort, during the holidays of 1264, invoked by writ the first English parliament. King Richard II came to the throne in December, and during the Christmas festival he had 10,000 people banqueted daily at the royal expense. King Henry VIII twice celebrated the anniversary with special pomp, once in 1536, when a miniature mountain was made to open in his presence and reveal a lady clad in cloth of gold and maids of honor who did a morrice dance; again in 1553, when the king headed a pageant of nobles who stormed and took Castle Dangerous.

In 1525, the year of the plague, so great was the gloom in England that it has become known as "the still Christmas." "The Christmas of the Great Frost" took place in 1793. The Thames was frozen from bank to bank and barbecues were given upon the ice.

In France, King James II., in his flight from England, arrived on that day. On that day in 1799 Napoleon was proclaimed First Consul, and just four years later he was crowned emperor. He entered Paris untroubled during the holidays of 1812 and his nephew, Louis Napoleon, was crowned emperor during the holidays of 1852.

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M. R. EDWARD HARDY, the jolly manager of Sheppard Co.'s great store at Bruceville, Ill., writes: "I had never been sick a day in my life until 1893. I got so bad with nervous prostration that I had to give up and commence to doctor. I tried our local physicians and one in Joliet, but none gave me any relief and I thought I was going to die. I became despondent and suffered untold agony. I could not eat, sleep nor rest, and it seemed as if I could not exist. At the end of six months I was reduced to a shadow of myself, and at last my heart became affected and I was truly miserable. I took six or eight bottles of Dr. Miles' Nervine. It gave me relief from the start, and at last a cure, the greatest blessing of my life."

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

#### THE TERRAPIN AT HOME.

Curious Facts About the Diamond Backs in Maryland.

Philadelphia Times: The chief source of supply of diamond-back terrapin is Crisfield, Somerset county, Md. More terrapin are sent from there than all other places along the Chesapeake Bay combined, and the two great terrapin ponds are located there. One grower at Crisfield, A. B. Riggan, has a pond containing over 20,000 diamond-back terrapin. They are fed mashed hard crab, and the scene at feeding time is described as very interesting, the space covered by the pond being less than an acre, and the feeding being done at low tide affords a fine opportunity for viewing the reptiles. There are other pond-keepers in the vicinity who buy all the terrapin that are caught in the neighborhood, and even increase their supply from North Carolina.

A very good terrapin, but not equal to the eastern shore variety, comes from the shores of Pamlico and Albemarle sounds. The ponds are inclosed in a board fence, with stout wire screens to let the tide flow in and out. The propagation of terrapin is not very rapid. Females lay twelve to twenty eggs during the period of incubation, so that 20,000 female terrapin in the one pond alone will produce over 250,000 young annually. The taste and demand for terrapin is no longer confined to Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, and New York, but Chicago restaurants now have it in their bill of fare, and a club at Minneapolis serves it regularly, while the sale of it to private families in St. Louis has long been a considerable trade for some of the Baltimore fishmongers and oyster dealers. It is now much canned, and is sold in that form in England, but it is suspected that there is a good deal of red snapper in it, and perhaps some of the dishes served as terrapin in the swell restaurants on this side of the Atlantic are not free from the same alloy.

#### Yule-Log Sparks.

About \$120,000,000 is spent on Christmas gifts yearly in this country.

The custom of making gifts is widest spread among the Germans.

To feed Greater New York on Christmas day it is estimated that it will take, among other things, 1,700 head of cattle, 7,000 tons of poultry, 1,700 barrels of cranberries and three carloads of celery.

Chickens and turkeys attain the ages of ten years. The duration of a goose's life is fifty years.

The time required by the stomach to digest turkey is two hours and thirty minutes. Chicken requires four hours and duck four hours and a half.

Billiards is one of the best games for exercise after eating a Christmas dinner.

It is optional with the host and hostess whether wine shall be served with the Christmas dinner or not.

Nearly three thousand actors will eat their Christmas dinner alone and away from kindred, home and friends.

The custom of giving the turkey the first place on the bill of fare at Christmas is gradually giving way to the old English plan of providing a huge round of beef.

A pretty conceit for trimming Christmas trees is a paper star with a candle in the center. They are made after the manner of the "pin wheel" and commemorate the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem.

Snapperagon, a one-time favorite game at Christmas, is again coming into favor. The diversion consisted in setting fire to a dish of brandy, from which the players endeavored to pick out the raisins which were afterward thrown into it.

More mention is in the holiday markets than has been the case in many years.

Skating over the frozen marshes was a favorite holiday pastime among the Knickerbockers.

Even the immovable Chinaman puts out his flag Christmas day.

During the winter of the siege of Paris zebra, buffalo, and reindeer were sold to the butchers by the Zoological Gardens and converted into food.

#### A Fair Fighter.

Shepherdstown Register: The Intelligencer is a live, up-to-date newspaper in every respect and a credit to West Virginia journalism. It is the Republican organ of the state, but a fair fighter, and we of the opposite side need never look for anything but the blows that come straight from the shoulder. We like the Intelligencer and recommend it.

#### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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### OUR TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Said to Show that England is Withdrawing Her Investments.

New Orleans Picayune: The immensity of our trade with Great Britain is shown very clearly in a table prepared by the London Statist, giving the imports of American goods into Great Britain and British shipments to the United States. The excess of British imports over exports has been steadily growing until it is estimated that for the current year the excess will reach \$20,000,000, a sum in our money nearly equal to \$100,000,000. The table is as follows:

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Balance of Imports over Exports.
1857.....	\$115,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$80,000,000
1858.....	108,200,000	32,000,000	76,200,000
1859.....	85,200,000	43,000,000	42,200,000
1860.....	88,600,000	39,300,000	49,300,000
1861.....	91,800,000	35,700,000	56,100,000
1862.....	108,200,000	41,000,000	67,200,000
1863.....	164,400,000	41,100,000	123,300,000
1864.....	167,300,000	47,000,000	120,300,000
1865.....	187,500,000	42,500,000	145,000,000
1866.....	179,800,000	41,200,000	138,600,000
1867.....	183,000,000	40,200,000	142,800,000

The reason assigned by the Statist for this large excess of imports into Great Britain over exports is that the credit of the United States has been so impaired by the agitation of the silver question that capital is not seeking investment in American enterprises; but, on the contrary, is being withdrawn. It is to meet this constant withdrawal of money, the Statist claims, that so large an increase in the products shipped to Great Britain is due.

According to the Statist, therefore, the unfavorable trade balance shown by the figures, is in no sense actually unfavorable, except in so far as it indicates a withdrawal of British capital from investment in American securities and enterprises.

#### Young Widows of Veterans.

There are 111 widows of soldiers of the war of 1812 drawing pensions of \$8 per month from the government pension agency in Chicago, and there are seventeen other agencies in the country. Although there are only fourteen survivors of this war now living, there are 3,287 widows of men who fought in 1812, drawing \$8 per month from the government.

"I do not want to be understood as saying that none of these widows of 1812 is deserving of the pension she is drawing," said General Anderson, United States pension agent at Chicago, "but this war closed eighty-three years ago, and these women must have been very young when they were married."

"There is no question that there is a great abuse of the pension laws by young women who marry old soldiers for no other reason than to live on the pension money after the husbands are dead. By this system of mercenary marriages the pension list of the government can be almost perpetuated. There are now 200,000 widows on the pension rolls, and what proportion do you suppose are old women—lifelong companions of the veterans? You can't tell; there is no way of finding this out, but the widows seem out of proportion to the veterans."

#### New Blast Furnace Record.

A new blast furnace record has been made at No. 3 furnace of the Duquesne Works of the Carnegie Steel Company, near Pittsburgh. It produced during October 17,405 tons, a daily average of 561 tons. The greatest production in any twenty-four hours was 711 tons. The previous world's record was held by No. 1 furnace of the same works, viz.: Seventy-two tons in a month, averaging 554 tons a day, the greatest twenty-four-hour output being 691 tons. No. 3 furnace is equipped with twenty tuyeres and the No. 1 furnace with ten.

#### Keeps Abreast of Times.

Weston Democrat: The Intelligencer is West Virginia's leading Republican newspaper. It ably and vigorously espouses the party cause, and all its other features are as well looked after as its editorial department. The paper keeps abreast of the times and is deserving of the support it receives.

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